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SAIGON FOR INGERSOLL

SUBJECT: UK RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

1. UK FIRST SECRETARY PIKE CALLED ON DEPARTMENT (EA/K)
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TODAY TO INFORM US OF FOLLOWING
MESSAGE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN SEOUL HAD DELIVERED TO ROKG
JANUARY 31. HMG IS REVIEWING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA
IN LIGHT OF UNGA DEBATE AND HAS DETERMINED THAT DPRK HAS
LONG FULFILLED CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION (STABILITY,
INDEPENDENCE, FIRM TERRITORIAL CONTROL, ETC.).
DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK HAS REMOVED LAST BARRIER PREVENTING
RECOGNITION. HOWEVER, HMG DOES NOT ANTICIPATE EARLY MOVE
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TOWARD RECOGNITION AND WOULD SEEK, AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT,

VIEWS OF FRIENDS BEFORE TAKING ACTION. HMG IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT NK TRADE OFFICE IN LONDON SINCE SUCH OFFICE WOULD NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND WOULD NOT EFFECT RECOGNITION. PIKE SAID NORTH KOREANS HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED AND THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THEY HAD INITIATED REQUEST FOR SUCH OFFICE. HE INDICATED FONMIN KIM HAD ACCEPTED NEWS WITHOUT REACTION.

2. PIKE ALSO REPORTED CONSENSUS OF JANUARY 29 MEETING OF "ASIA GROUP" WITHIN EEC. HE SAID THERE WAS NO

DISPOSITION AMONG MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE NK AND THAT THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF ROK BY SOCIALIST STATES. MEMBERS ARE REPORTEDLY UNDER NO PRESSURE TO RECOGNIZE NK AND DO NOT INTEND TO PUBLICIZE POSITION.

3. PIKE INDICATED HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE MOVEMENT ON RECOGNITION UNTIL AFTER UNGA THIS FALL, BUT THOUGHT NK WOULD BE INFORMED OF ACCEPTABILITY OF TRADE OFFICE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. HE DID NOT FORESEE BRITISH TRADE OFFICE IN PYONGYANG IN NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER

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